

The Regional Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Centers are part of a statewide CYSHCN network that provides free and confidential assistance to families and providers. The five Centers are dedicated to meeting families' needs through information, referral and follow up, parent support services and links to community agencies that can help coordinate the many activities associated with caring for children and youth with special health care needs.

The Wisconsin First Step Hotline is an additional resource within the CYSHCN network. Specialists provide callers with free information and referrals about local, state and national resources available for children and youth ages birth to 21. The call is confidential and free of charge. The First Step Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Wisconsin First Step Hotline
(800) 642-7837
www.mch-hotlines.org

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**Children and Youth with
Special Health Care Needs**

DO YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS
AND DON'T
KNOW WHERE
TO GET ANSWERS?

DOES YOUR CHILD
OR YOUTH HAVE
SPECIAL NEEDS?

There are five  Regional Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Centers throughout Wisconsin to help answer your questions.

Each Regional Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Center has someone you can talk with to help you find out more about services and supports.

Who are Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs?

- A child or youth with special health care needs is age birth to 21 and has a long term chronic, physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional illness or condition. Examples include: asthma, developmental delay, hearing loss, cancer, diabetes, autism and many others.

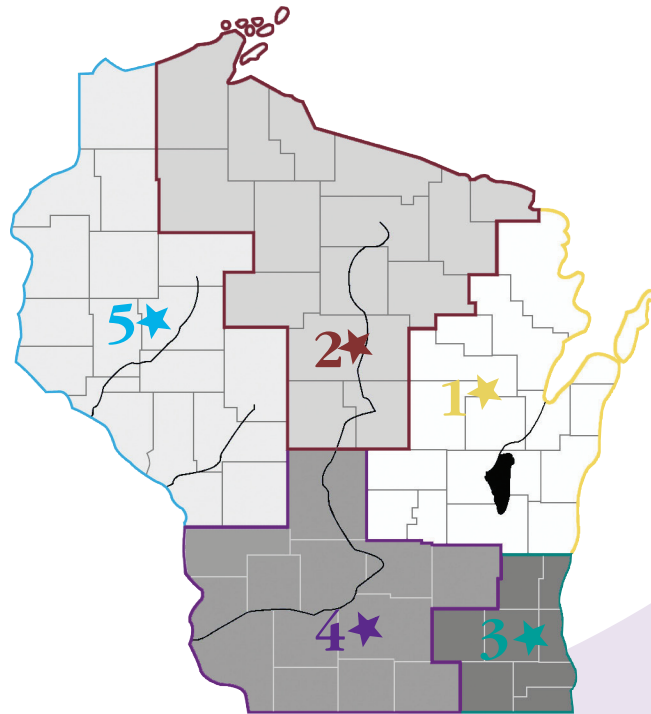
Information and Resources for CYSHCN

- The Regional CYSHCN Centers can help you find information including – books, articles, audiovisual materials and web sites. Information is also available on specific diagnosis, special education, transitions, medical home and community supports. All information is confidential and free of charge.

Parent Connections

- Center staff includes *parents of children and youth with special needs* who can provide unique parent-to-parent support.
- Center staff can connect you to parent support group opportunities and one-on-one parent matches.
- Trainings on a wide variety of topics related to transitions, funding options, special education and more.

For more information, call the Regional CYSHCN Center in your area



Regional CYSHCN Center Service Areas

1. Northeastern Region

St. Vincent Hospital
Green Bay
920/ 433-8296
800/ 236-3030 ext 8296
www.northeasternCSHCN.org
Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago County.

2. Northern Region

Marathon County Health Department
Wausau
715/ 261-1900
866/ 640-4106
www.co.marathon.wi.us/cyshcn.asp
Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Wood County.

3. Southeastern Region

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Milwaukee
414/ 266-NEED (6333)
800/ 234-KIDS (5437)
www.specialneedsfamilycenter.org
Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha County.

4. Southern Region

Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison
608/ 263-5890
800/ 532-3321
www.waisman.wisc.edu/ciu/cshcn/
Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock, Sauk and Vernon County.

5. Western Region

Chippewa County Department of Public Health
Chippewa Falls
715/ 726-7900
800/ 400-3678
www.co.chippewa.wi.us/CCDPH/CSHCN
Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Washburn County.

For more information call the Regional CYSHCN Center in your area; available from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.